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SUBJECT: MAURITANIA -- PRESIDENT AZIZ UNABLE TO ATTEND  
POTUS LUNCH WITH SUB-SAHARAN HEADS OF STATE

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[1](#)1. (SBU) Subsequent to President Aziz' initial response to  
REFTEL A invitation, Mission received September 15 a formal  
reply from the Presidency indicating President Aziz'  
inability to attend.

[1](#)2. (SBU) A translation of the letter follows:

September 13, 2009  
Nouakchott

Mr. President:

Please receive my most sincere thanks for the invitation to  
attend, along with other fellow Sub-Saharan Africa heads of  
state, a working lunch on September 22 in New York.  
Nevertheless, I regret I will not be able to be part of this  
important meeting due to previous commitments.

I sincerely hope to have the opportunity to meet with you at  
a later date. Please accept, Mr. President, the assurance of  
my highest consideration.

Mohamed Ould Abdel Aziz  
HANKINS